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Here are key theories and frameworks that support redefining the universe as an open system:

1. Eternal Inflation and Multiverse Models

Proposed by Alan Guth and others, eternal inflation suggests that the rapid expansion of space (inflation) does not end everywhere at once. Instead, "bubbles" of our type of universe form and expand within a larger, eternally inflating "multiverse" or "bulk" space.

Open system link: Our observable universe is one such bubble, and it could interact with neighboring bubbles or the inflating bulk. This interaction might involve exchanges of energy, gravitational waves, or even matter—qualifying our universe as an open system embedded in a larger structure.

Evidence hints: Observations of the cosmic microwave background (CMB) have searched for signatures of collisions with other universes, though definitive proof remains elusive.

2. Brane Cosmology (String Theory Extension)

Rooted in string theory, brane cosmology proposes that our universe exists on a four-dimensional "brane" (a membrane-like structure) floating in a higher-dimensional "bulk" space. Other branes (possibly other universes) also occupy this bulk.

Open system link: Gravitational force is thought to propagate through the bulk, allowing interactions between branes. Collisions or close encounters between branes could explain phenomena like cosmic expansion or even the Big Bang itself—representing clear exchanges of energy and matter between our universe and its surroundings.

3. Quantum Vacuum Fluctuations and Zero-Point Energy

Quantum field theory describes empty space as a dynamic realm of constant particle-antiparticle creation and annihilation, with a baseline energy level called zero-point energy.

Open system link: Some theories suggest the quantum vacuum is not self-contained but connected to an external reservoir of energy. The observed acceleration of cosmic expansion could be driven by energy flowing from this reservoir into our universe. Additionally, phenomena like Hawking radiation—where black holes emit particles—hint at exchanges between our spacetime and quantum vacuum domains beyond it.

4. Cosmological Syntropy and Systems Theory

Building on the concept of syntropy, some researchers propose that the universe as a whole functions as an open, order-generating system:

Open system link: The universe generates increasing complexity (from subatomic particles to galaxies to life) by importing high-quality energy from a broader cosmic environment and exporting entropy to it. This aligns with how biological systems

operate—for example, stars fuse hydrogen into heavier elements (generating order) while radiating waste heat into space (exporting entropy), with the heat potentially dispersing into domains beyond our observable universe.

5. Holographic Principle

The holographic principle suggests that all information describing our 3D universe is encoded on a 2D boundary at its edge.

Open system link: If this boundary is not closed but connects to an external space, information could flow between our universe and the region beyond the boundary. This would mean our universe exchanges information with its surroundings—another hallmark of an open system.

Each of these theories challenges the classical closed-universe paradigm by proposing that our cosmos is part of a larger, interconnected structure—opening the door to viewing it as an open system that interacts with its environment.

Would you like to explore any of these theories in greater detail, or discuss their implications for specific fields like physics or philosophy?